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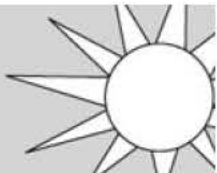
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Students make pillows for a Chicago Bears charity for sick children and others.

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Sports

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Panther softball team splits double header with DePaul.
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A matter of money



Adrienne Weller / Staff photographer

Tammy Schurch, a freshman speech communication major, and Nicole Milici, a freshman accounting major, warm up on the Panther Trail for the Eastern track meet.

Possibility of additional fees a concern for many students

By Deece Davis
and Matt Neistein
Staff writers

Money — it is one of college students' major concerns, and with all of the fee increases the Student Senate has passed this semester, they will need to come up with more of it.

The Student Senate has already passed three new fee increases and will vote on two more before the school year is over. The fee increases that have been passed include a \$7.50 technology fee increase, a \$7.50 athletic fee increase and an \$8.75 grant-in-aid fee increase.

The Student Senate still needs to vote on a \$6 increase in the union bond fee and a \$9 campus improvement fee increase for four semesters.

The Union fee will be used for improvements in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union and to replace the lights in the Grand Ballroom.

The campus improvement fee allo-

cates money for increased lighting, the installation of sprinkler systems in University and Greek courts, replacing the track in Lantz Gymnasium, adding Career Service to the Union and putting restrooms in the Student Recreation Center.

The technology fee will cover the expenses of new software and overhead projectors. The athletic fee is primarily for safety and Title IX gender equality rules, and the grant-in-aid fee provides athletic scholarships to meet Title IX regulations. It also will possibly provide scholarships for the other departments as well.

One student said the fee increases are becoming excessive.

"The fee increases just keep adding up," said John Wilkes, a junior business management major. "They should be applied to students who actually use the services."

Cynicism is also sprouting among students who feel that additional money would disappear into a black hole.

"Maybe if we could see where the money's going, it wouldn't be such a problem," said Tonya Winn, a freshman elementary education major.

Another student thought the fee increases are necessary.

"I don't mind the fee increases as long as they don't get out of control, which they're not," said Ryan Harris, a junior physical education major. "They are necessary in keeping Eastern on the same level as other universities."

Junior Chris Lempa agreed.

"I look at it as, it's \$93 (in total possible increases), and we pay, what, \$8,000 a year to go to school?" said the social sciences major.

A major concern of Jason Fark, a junior speech communication major, is students are already paying for improvement projects that are not finished yet.

"I don't mind paying the money," Fark said. "I think the fee increases are reasonable, but before more fees are passed Eastern should finish the improvements that it already has started."

WEIU-FM format will not change

Directors who resigned
not returning to station

By Julie Bartlow
and Mark Davenport
Staff writers

Proposed changes to make WEIU-FM a community radio station will not be implemented. Faculty Senate chair Bonnie Irwin said at Tuesday's Faculty Senate meeting.

"The current programming for WEIU-FM will remain intact with the fall semester," said Jill Nilsen, acting vice president for external relations, in an e-mail to station manager Joe Heumann. "Planning discussions will continue."

The changes to the format of the station were proposed in March and led to the resignations of Heumann and Elaine Fine, classical music director.

"I'll miss the whole cultural experience, working with students, training students," Heumann said. "I've had a great time there."

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Faculty Senate discusses possible changes in international student fees.

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The resignations of Heumann and classical music director Elaine Fine will be accepted, Nilsen said.

"A search for the radio station manager will begin with a starting date no later than the beginning of the fall term," Nilsen said in the e-mail.

At the Faculty Senate meeting, Heumann criticized the procedures by which the proposed changes were developed, and said the future of the station still has not been addressed.

"The fact that Dr. Nilsen thinks the issue is closed is ... surprising," Heumann told the senate.

Nilsen disputed Heumann's assessment, saying the resignation stemmed the possibility of a new format.

"It is my understanding that (Heumann) resigned because he didn't like the proposed changes," Nilsen said.

Also at the senate meeting, Irwin said another consulting firm, the Dennison Group, had been brought in by Nilsen to work on internal relations at the radio station.

Nilsen confirmed that another consulting firm has been hired, but said she was unsure of the cost of the firm. The previous firm hired by the university cost \$25,000.

"I've asked a consultant to talk with the staff and employees of the station to facilitate about the direction the station is headed," Nilsen said.

Senate member John Allison questioned the need for another consultant.

"We seem to be spending as much money on consultants as we do on the radio station," Allison said, referring to WEIU-FM's \$47,000 yearly budget.

Staff editor Geneva White contributed to this article.

Alumni's degree opens door to paradise

By Nicole Meinheit
Staff editor

Chauncey Blaisdell's degree has taken him a long way. All the way to Hawaii, in fact.

"I loved (living in Hawaii). It was a wonderful five years," said Blaisdell, a 1979 graduate with a journalism degree. "I would do it again, but it was time to come home."

Blaisdell packed his bags for Hawaii after living in Chicago. He was working in the sales department of Air Liquide America

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Corporation, dealing mainly with chemical sales, when he was asked if he would like to work in Hawaii.

Even after taking the transfer and putting more than 4,000 miles between himself and Eastern, Blaisdell remained a faithful Panther

fan.

When Eastern's basketball team played in a holiday tournament in Hawaii, Blaisdell was in the stands.

"They won the first game, but they lost the second," Blaisdell said.

After five years, the job that took Blaisdell to Hawaii brought him back to the continental United States.

For the past two years he has lived in Tucson, Arizona, doing basically the same job he did in Hawaii, he said.

His position is more of a coaching or motivational role, he said.

A total of eight people report to him and it is Blaisdell's job to make sure they are doing what they should be doing, he said.

The beginning of Blaisdell's sales career started at Eastern in the ads department for *The Daily Eastern News*.

When Blaisdell was a student, *The Daily*

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Report: Juvenile justice system riddled with racial disparities

WASHINGTON (AP) — A black youth is six times more likely to be locked up than a white peer, even when charged with a similar crime and when neither has a prior record, says a new civil rights report contending racial bias exists at every step of the juvenile justice process.

Many policies and practices have led to a "cumulative disadvantage" for black and Latino youth, civil rights leaders and youth advocates said Tuesday as they released the report by the Youth Law Center. The National Council on Crime and Delinquency, a criminal justice think tank, did the research.

Minority youth are more likely than white youth who commit comparable crimes to be referred to juvenile court, be detained, face trial as adults, and be jailed with adults, the report said.

"It is astounding our nation can tolerate such gross inequality," said

William Spriggs, director of research and public policy for the Urban League. "We cannot have a justice system that works this way."

The report comes at a time when high-profile violence — like Monday's shooting of several youth following a scuffle at the National Zoo's annual black family celebration — is driving harsher juvenile punishment even as the rate of crime by young people decreases.

Since 1992, 47 states have expanded their laws to punish more juveniles as adults not only for murder but also for drug crimes, weapons possession and burglary. The report calls for states to stop incarcerating young people with adults, noting three in four youths imprisoned with adults are minorities.

"We're taking youngsters, children, and putting them in the worst location," Spriggs said. "It reverses a long trend in American policy not to

have children imprisoned with hardened adult criminals."

Researchers used data from state and federal arrest records, juvenile court actions, detention, waivers to adult court and incarceration.

They found, for example, that black youth are 15 percent of the population under 18 but comprise one-third of youth referred to, formally processed by and convicted in juvenile court.

Blacks also account for 40 percent of the youths sent to adult courts and 58 percent of the youths sent to adult prison, said the report. Justice For Some, The Urban League and other civil rights groups joined in its release.

Figures for Latino youth may be understated because most state court and prison records designate them as white, said Brent Wilkes of the League of United Latin Americans.

The groups nonetheless praised

the comprehensive report — which followed several recent juvenile justice studies — as hard evidence of something they've long suspected: minority youth are victims of racial bias built into the justice system.

Even when types of crime were considered, minorities were more likely to go to jail or prison. Among youth with no prior record arrested for violent crimes, including murder, rape and robbery, 137 out of every 100,000 blacks were incarcerated, compared with 15 out of every 100,000 whites.

For drug offenses, which can carry a wide range of penalties, the number was 48 for black youth and only 1 out of 100,000 for whites.

Critics say the skewed numbers could mean simply that black teens and children are committing more crimes or more serious crimes. Researchers admit determining that is "much more complicated."

High wind's keep shuttle Atlantis grounded again

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — For the second day in a row, stiff wind prevented space shuttle Atlantis from lifting off Tuesday on a mission to fix the international space station.

Launch managers said they would try again Wednesday afternoon.

NASA is in a hurry to get Atlantis and its crew of seven to the space station. The station is slipping in orbit nearly two miles a week because of increased solar activity, and is down to four functioning batteries, close to the limit.

The astronauts will use the shuttle to boost the station as much as 27 miles and replace the batteries. They also will replace a broken antenna and fix a loose crane.

NASA called off the launch Tuesday with 40 minutes remaining in the countdown, as gale-force gusts of 39 mph swept the pad. That was well above the launch safety limit.

"We knew our chances were iffy with the winds

today, but it was the right thing to do to try," commander James Halsell Jr. said.

The back-to-back delays cost NASA \$1.2 million in shuttle fuel and overtime pay.

This will be the first time in 19 years of shuttle flight that NASA attempts a launch on three days in a row. The space agency usually limits the number of consecutive launch attempts to two to give the astronauts and launch team a rest.

NASA decided to go for three in a row this time, in part because of the convenient afternoon launch time and the fact that no shuttle problems have cropped up during the countdown, said NASA spokesman Bruce Buckingham.

Besides, Wednesday may be Atlantis' last launch opportunity for a while, because of all the unmanned rocket launches and other operations scheduled over the next few weeks. Unless the schedule is rearranged, the next launch attempt for Atlantis will be around May 11.

Brenda Edgar to present Eastern with \$100,000 gift

Brenda Edgar, wife of former Illinois Governor Jim Edgar, will present a check for \$100,000 to the EIU Foundation today.

Edgar is expected to present the check at 11:30 a.m. in the foyer of Old Main, according to a university press release.

The donation will be used to establish a scholarship to be awarded annually to a woman who is enrolled in the Eastern Board of Trustees Bachelor of Arts degree program for non-traditional students.

Edgar graduated from the BOT program in May of 1998.

All interested members of the Eastern community are invited to attend.

Paradise

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Eastern News had only been publishing daily for six years, said John David Reed, who was the editorial adviser for the paper when Blaisdell was a student.

All of the financial resources for the paper had to be built up by the ad department and Chauncey was a big part of that, Reed said.

When Chauncey graduated, the paper had built up enough resources to hire a business manager

and Chauncey took the position.

"He was hired as a composing room employee because the state civil workers didn't have a position for a business manager," Reed said.

While he does not use his journalism degree every day, Blaisdell said the writing skills he learned have helped him along the way.

"Young people coming out of college don't have the writing skills," Blaisdell said. "I'm grateful that my journalism degree gave me the ability to write a professional-sounding letter."

Aside from working for *The News*, Blaisdell was a member of

Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity and has a few favorite hang-outs in the Charleston area.

Not too long ago Blaisdell visited Charleston and stopped by Ike's.

"I was glad to see that it hasn't changed at all," he said.

Mother's and Ted's were also a favorite place of a lot of Eastern students, Blaisdell said.

"Eastern Illinois University has probably been four of the best years of my life," Blaisdell said.

He is still close friends with many of the people he went to school with, and had some great people to encourage him, he said.

"I really respect (Reed)," Blaisdell said. "He taught me a lot. Not just about journalism, but about life."

Another person that helped Blaisdell a lot was Dan Thornburgh, a journalism professor.

"(Blaisdell) came from the business side of the Eastern News and did well," Thornburgh said.

He remembers Blaisdell's flamboyance and his smile.

"He was always beaming," Thornburgh said. "He was always smiling."



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Sara Figiel / Assoc. Photo editor

Jeri Thrasher, a junior family and consumer sciences major, surges the edges of a blanket together in her Principles of Clothing Construction course in Klehm Hall Tuesday afternoon. The students are making baby blankets and bear pillows as part of the "Bears Care" program developed and sponsored by the Chicago Bears.

Students use skills for service

By Angie DeMuth
Staff writer

Eastern students are helping the Chicago Bears tackle illness. The students of the FCS 2234 class, Principles of Clothing Construction, are participating in the service project by making bear pillows for Chicago area hospitals and shelters. The program which is funded by the late Walter Payton, is in affiliation with the Chicago Bears Football team. These pillows will be donated to

sick children, Alziemer's patients and shelters for abused women, said Rose Bradley, the instructor of the family consumer science class. Eastern students got involved in the program after officials with the Chicago Bears called the department and asked for the students' participation. The Chicago Bears supplied all the materials for the project, including 35 yards of material, all of the stuffing and thread. With the materials in hand the Eastern students set to work. "The students really organized

it. I wasn't sure how it was going to go, but it worked out very well", Bradley said. Since the students did not know how long the project would take, they set aside two nights to work on the bears, but the students made 44 bears in three hours. The class is made up of all family consumer science majors. Half of them are FCS majors with teacher certification and the other half is merchandising, said Bradley. The bears will be packed up and sent to the Chicago Bears later this week, she said.

Library repairs may take longer than expected

By Mark Davenport
Staff writer

Completion of renovations to Booth Library could be delayed as long as six months, Vice President of Academic Affairs Teshome Abebe told the Faculty Senate Tuesday. Some faculty members expressed their concern that the delay could lead to increased costs for the project, which was originally scheduled to be completed in late 2001. Abebe, who attributed the delay to "reasons with which I am not familiar," said the delay could impact "the amount of work or the kinds of things you get in this package." Senate member John Best pointed out that the \$18 million budget for the repairs is "elastic" in order to account for increased costs. The senate also discussed possible alternatives to a \$100 fee only international students paid. The fee paid for recruitment of additional international students, and programs like arrival assistance and the annual International Week. After about 100 of Eastern's 154 international students com-

plained about the fee at a Sept. 12 forum, a moratorium was placed on the fee. One option is to replace the \$100 fee with a \$3 fee all students would pay, said Gary Kelly, the student government's liaison to the Faculty Senate. The fee would have to be approved by the student body in a special election, which Kelly said would be held early in the fall semester. Senate member Janice Coons discussed ways the Faculty Senate could help promote international programs. "There's a real need to increase faculty participation in international programs," Coons said. "Frequently when they have these events, the same core faculty members attend." Members threw out several ideas, including having individual departments or student organizations sponsor such events. In other business, the senate recognized Gail Richard, professor of communications disorders, as the Distinguished Faculty Member of the semester. Richard, a past president of the Illinois Speech, Language and Hearing Association, has won numerous awards for her research on autism.

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Time to dig elsewhere

This semester, the Student Senate has approved a total of \$78.75 in fee increases that will go into effect for the fall 2001 semester.

Today, senate members will consider two additional fees that will bring the total increase to \$93.75 for the fall. If these fees are approved this will be the largest increase in student fees in the last several years. In fall 1996, a \$50 increase for campus improvements was passed; in fall 1997, \$19.75 in fee increases were approved; and in fall 1998, \$29.95 in fee increases were approved.

The Student Senate should not approve any more fee increases for the fall 2001 semester and

Student fees

The number of student fees being proposed this year is more than in years past, and they may begin to overwhelm students.

encourage the university to look for funding in other places.

The campus improvement fee, if approved, will increase \$9 for the

next four semesters, climbing to a total of \$86 in two years. The fee increase will fund projects such as installing sprinkler systems to Greek Court and University Court, restrooms in the Student Recreation Center, a replacement for the indoor track in Lantz Gymnasium and other improvements around campus.

If the Student Senate continues to approve large increase fees each year, Eastern soon will not be able to boast that it is one of the most affordable schools in the state. Although many of the fees are funding important projects on campus, the university should look for other avenues for funding and not continue to lean on students' pockets for the money.

The campus improvement fee was implemented in 1996 for \$50, and although much progress has been made on the projects, many are not complete and some have been abandoned altogether.

Although fee increases are necessary each year, the university seems to be taking advantage of the students and the Student Senate's willingness to approve these increases with a rubber stamp, and without much consideration.

■ The editorial is the opinion of the editorial board of *The Daily Eastern News*.

Today's quote

In general, the art of government consists in taking as much money as possible from one class of citizens to give to the other.

Voltaire,
French writer, 1694-1778

Self-image an individual responsibility

In the United States, research constantly is being done to see how satisfied women are with their bodies. Time and time again the research shows women are not very satisfied with their bodies at all. And who do people blame for all these unsatisfied women? The media.

Maybe in some ways society is right to blame the media. Various mediums are, after all, the societal institutions responsible for perpetuating the beauty ideals women have come to embrace even though they are unattainable for most. But the blame should not be placed entirely on the media. We, as women in society, have to shoulder some of the responsibility ourselves. We are the ones who continue to buy into the images advertisers are using to try and sell a product. We are the ones who refuse to believe that beautiful people come in all shapes and sizes and not all people were made to be the perfect size 2.

Magazine companies are trying to sell their magazines, television networks are trying to boost their ratings and advertisers are trying to sell their products. Can we blame them for finding the most beautiful people possible to help them accomplish their goals? They are just trying to do what everybody else in the world is doing — make money.

The media may be perpetuating ideas about the perfect size breasts, the perfect size waist and the ideal weight, but people are the ones buying into these ideals. People need to get out and open their eyes. Every woman they encounter walking down the street does not fit these ideals and every one of those women is beautiful in her own way. Beauty is in a person's personality, not her external appearance.

When women look at themselves in the mirror, they do not see themselves. They see their body and all the flaws it has compared to the super model they saw in a recent issue of *Cosmopolitan* or the star of some new television drama. They fail to take into account whether their weight is adequate for their height, and they almost never consider their own body types. All they can think about is how great it would be to look



Meghan McMahon
Editor in chief

"Beauty is in a person's personality, not her external appearance."

like Kate Moss or Julia Roberts.

People who blame the media for women trying to look just like the actresses and models they see in magazines and on television are trying to find a scapegoat so they don't have to blame themselves. No industry, no matter how powerful, can be ultimately responsible for the actions of other people, no matter how drastic those actions may be. Just like people who rob convenience stores must

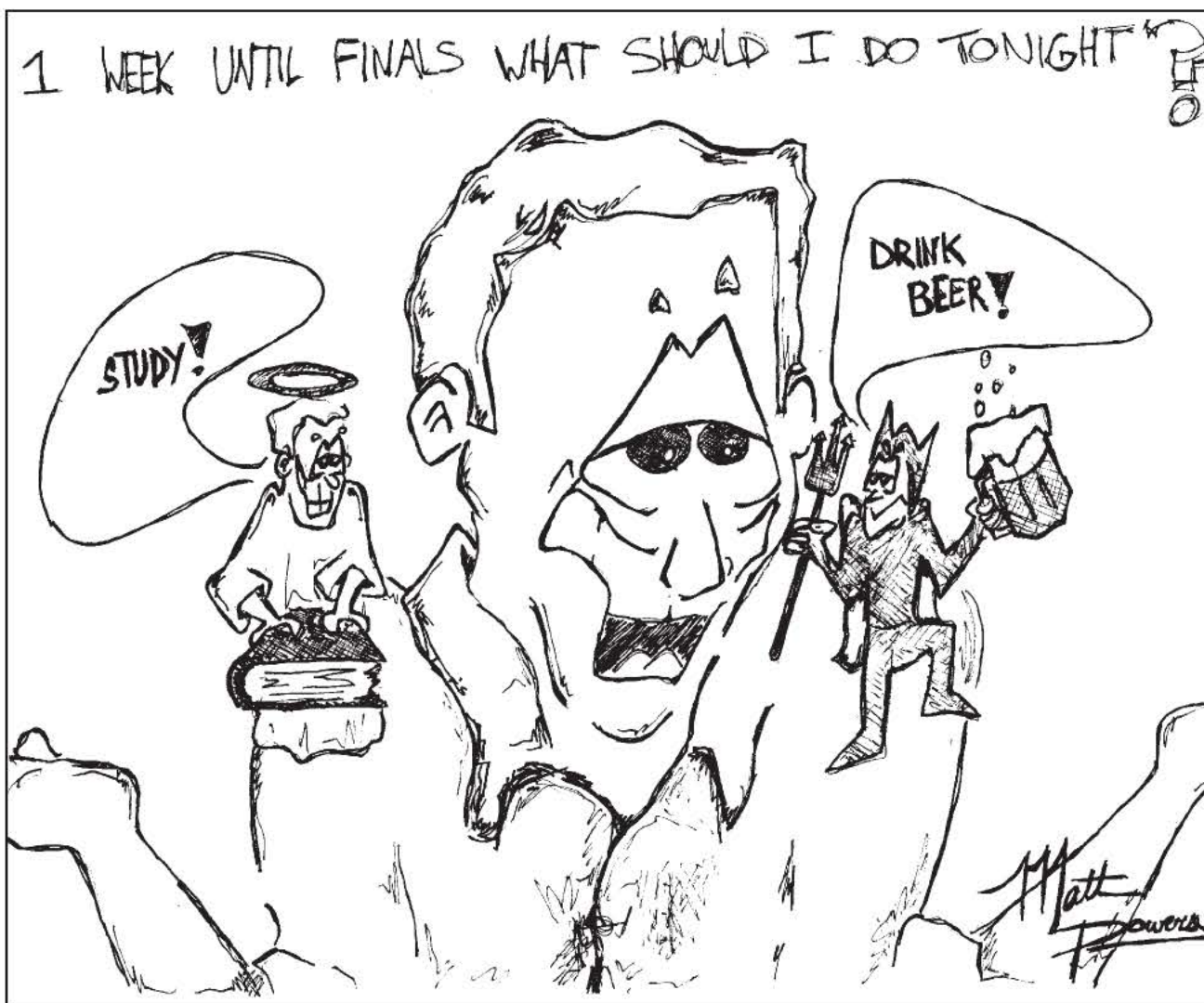
take responsibility for their own actions, so must the women who begin to starve themselves because they want to look like Kate Moss.

In today's society, everybody is looking for a scapegoat, and in many cases it is the media that takes the blame. Violence in schools, low self-esteem among young women and political controversies — all of these things are blamed on the media. Why? Because the people need someone to blame or they might feel guilty about what is going on in society.

It would be nice to have a society that goes to the root of the problem to try and fix it, but that would be far too easy. Instead, in the United States, we think we've made a real difference when we can blast an industry for trying to do the same thing every individual is doing — make money. The media exists for multiple reasons, but to achieve some of its goals, it must make money, and in order to do that they must find beautiful men and women to sell a product. People identify better with attractive people, and what the media is doing is using that knowledge to its advantage. Anybody in a similar situation would do exactly the same thing. We should be blaming the money-hungry culture of the United States, not the media.

Is the media responsible for the decreasing self-image and continuing trend of eating disorders in the United States? No, it's basic economics.

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Delivery driver provides tips about tipping

As the semester comes to a close, it not only marks the end of my college career but also the end of my career as a delivery driver. This job has helped me pay some of my tuition, the rent and the bills.

With my hourly wage and tips I could even pay for some personal expenses and have a little fun now and then. Tips? Yes, tips, which some people obviously don't understand. Delivery drivers provide a service much the same way that waiters/waitresses, limo or cab drivers or hairdressers (to name a few) do.

The many people who provide

Your turn

Letters to the editor

these services rely on tips as part of their income. During my years as a delivery driver, I began to notice a trend in "tippers" and "non-tippers." So during the month of February I conducted a study of my deliveries.

For this study, I wrote down where each of my deliveries was going, the cost, who ordered and the amount of tip I received (even you people who told me to "keep the nickel" got counted as "tippers"). The average tip I received was \$1.21. I then figured out what percent of the time I got tipped

from different people and places. The results follow: greek, 93 percent; white males, 90 percent; off-campus, 84 percent; white females, 83 percent; businesses, 78 percent; on campus, 73 percent; black females 24 percent; black males, 10 percent. I hope these results will remind some of you to tip your delivery drivers. If you are searching around for that loose change to pay the exact amount maybe you should not be ordering out. Thank you to all the people who have tipped me throughout the years and to those who haven't, I hope the next time you hear that knock on your door you will consider tipping the person on the other side.

Thad Jackson
graduate student,
computer management

Landlord Registration Project up and running

By Michelle Jones
Student government editor

Students who are looking for a place to live off campus will soon be able to check up on the landlords of different properties before signing a lease.

The Landlord Registration Project is complete, and students can find information on a landlord by coming to the Student Activities Center to view a list of landlords, said Student Senate member Joe Ryan.

Ryan said he has completed the list of landlords' names, but students need to add comments to the list before students can find out information about a landlord. As students add their thoughts and experiences to the list, others can read the comments, Ryan said.

He has worked to establish a list of good and bad landlords in the area in an attempt to weed out the bad landlords. He previously said he had

heard a lot of complaints from students about their landlords not fixing things and charging students for services they should not have to pay for.

Students are especially at risk because of their lack of experience, and the problems continued to expand because of a lack of communication, Ryan previously said.

Ryan wants students to provide information such as whether a landlord tried to cheat or overcharge renters or did not fix things that needed repair. Students can make good or bad comments. The project will continue to grow as people can still add names that are not on the list when they go in to make comments, Ryan said.

The Landlord Registration Project has about 40 to 50 names right now, Ryan said. He said he got the names of most landlords in Charleston, and the ones he missed tend to own only one or two properties.

Landlords on the list include

Unique Homes, which owns properties such as the Atrium and the Seventh Street Apartments. Ryan said the list includes all the big apartment complexes.

Ryan had to form the list of landlords on his own because there is no list of landlords anywhere, so he also recruited student help. Some senate members helped him, and about 10 students called in with the names of landlords.

Ryan said his biggest problem in forming the list and getting the project started was lack of cooperation from property managers as he was trying to formulate the list.

Ryan said the project is beneficial to students.

"Students can already find out by going to a house, what it looks like and what facilities it has, but they don't have knowledge of what the landlords are like," Ryan said. "(The project) will make landlords accountable for their actions and practices."

Hello Dali members say goodbye

By Matt Rennels
Staff writer

College students have to think on their feet a lot, and even more so if they are members of the improv comedy group Hello Dali.

"I like the idea of having people watch you think," said Theresa Lipinski, theater major and member of Hello Dali.

And it's a good thing, since she is one of the new members joining Hello Dali next year. Students can see Lipinski and other members of Hello Dali tonight at 9:30 p.m. in the Rathskeller. Admission is \$1.

The comedy group goes through the process every year of people coming and going.

Other newcomers include Liz Marfia and Chris "The Horse" Hopkins. They will be filling the void of three members who are leaving after this year. David Cady Jr. and Caren Evers are both graduating and Debbie Donovan is studying abroad at Oxford.

The history of Hello Dali is a mystery at best. After discussing how long the comedy improv group has been together, Donovan decided that "eight is a nice, round number."

It is also unknown who started Hello Dali. Nic Camfield, Hello Dali

member, described it as "a source of great debate."

There is even a recent story that one of the founding members was shocked when he heard that the group still existed.

Although this is improv comedy that they are performing, the group still has rehearsals. At the rehearsals they play games, create new ideas, work on scenes and come up with new characters for their shows.

Within the last year Hello Dali has performed at several residence halls and at the Rathskeller.

Next year they will perform regularly at What's Cookin' on the Square.

daily briefing

Judge approves poll of public sentiment in murder trial

VIENNA (AP) — Johnson County residents should be polled to determine how they feel about a murder case involving the beating death of an 8-year-old boy, a judge has ruled.

Defense lawyers want the first-degree murder trial of Ernst Bruny moved out of Johnson County because of heavy publicity and hope the poll will underscore their concerns.

"All we are trying to do is provide you with some scientific evidence to help you," defense lawyer Terry Green told Williamson during a hearing Monday.

Public outcry in the case has been widespread after reports the Department of Children and Family Services had been tipped that Bruny was abusing the boy months before his death. The agency found insufficient grounds to remove Joseph from the family.

Bruny's second attorney, Tim Capps, said publicity in the case "goes on and on."

Medicare patients switch health plans to get drug benefits

CHICAGO (AP) — Medicare recipients who exhausted drug benefits offered by health plans were twice as likely to quit the plan, a study found.

The finding suggests patients are switching to other health plans to obtain prescription drugs, researchers said. It also raises a host of concerns, including how to ensure proper care for patients who might have to change medications and doctors along with health plans, and whether patients who quit the plans continue to take their medications, he said.

The study, published in Wednesday's Journal of the American Medical Association, comes amid a national budget debate over efforts to add Medicare prescription drug coverage.

"Most Medicare beneficia-

ries really want drug benefits," said the study's author, Thomas S. Rector, senior researcher at the Center for Health Care Policy and Evaluation. "There is so much talk about providing drug benefits, but the debate usually boils down to how you are going to finance it."

"We were trying to give the policy-makers a viewpoint: If you provide limited drug benefits, this is one of the things that happens."

Virus prevention effort under way in 17 states

BETHESDA, Md. (AP) — The Centers for Disease Control are working with 17 states to try to head off an outbreak of the West Nile virus that killed seven people in and around New York City last year.

Stephen Ostroff, CDC's West Nile coordinator, said birds and mosquitoes that carry the virus are being tracked in states along the Atlantic Seaboard and the Gulf of Mexico. Humans may contract the virus when bitten by an infected mosquito.

Officials are concerned birds from the Northeast may have spread the virus, a form of encephalitis, when they migrated south. An infected dead bird was found in Baltimore, the only bird with the virus to be found outside the New York City area, Ostroff said.

Most people who become infected either show no reaction or become mildly ill with flu-like symptoms, and the vast majority suffer no long-term problems. The most vulnerable are the elderly and those with immune deficiencies.

Gates: Microsoft must remain intact

SEATTLE (AP) — Bill Gates said Tuesday that consumers would be hurt if Microsoft Corp. were broken up by the government because the synergy between the company's various divisions and products is key to its success.

In an interview with The Associated Press, the Microsoft chairman said new versions of the Windows operating system, the software that powers the vast majority of the world's personal computers, would be stunted if the Windows or Office software divisions were split off from the rest of the company.

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New members to be seated at senate meeting

By Christine Demma
Staff writer

The Student Senate will vote on two tabled fees and a tabled resolution, hear the student body president's State of the University address, seat newly-elected senate members and elect the speaker of the senate.

The senate will meet at 7 p.m. in the Arcola/Tuscola Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Last week, senate tabled the Campus Improvement Fee. The sen-

ate heard from Lou Hencken, vice president for student affairs, on the improvements that will be made on campus.

Improvements include installing sprinkler systems in 19 buildings in Greek Court and University Court, improving lighting around campus, resurfacing the indoor track in Lantz Gymnasium, installing restrooms in the Student Recreation Center and the expansion of office space for Career Services. The fee will increase by \$9 for the 2001-2002 and the 2002-2003 academic year, for an \$18 total increase.

The fee is currently \$50, and will be raised to \$68. A sunset clause of 25 years has been imposed beginning in the academic year 2001-2002.

Also, senate tabled the \$6 increase to the Union/Bond Revenue Fee. The fee will be raised to \$87.45 for the 2001-2002 academic year.

This fee will go toward 3 percent of fixed costs, 4 percent of support services and the extension of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union, because of the construction of the food court. The fee also will

go toward the anticipated increase of minimum wage to \$6.15 an hour and replacing the lighting in the Grand Ballroom of the University Union.

The resolution changing appointing a member of the Student Senate as the chair of the Shuttle Bus Committee to appointing a person from the student body to become chair also will be voted on tonight.

Student Body President Mike Leshoure will deliver his State of the University address as well.

The new senate members who were elected last week will be seat-

ed tonight. Off-campus senate members are: Catherine Baran, Tiffany Vandever and Nick Skipitaris. On-campus senate members are: Alison Mormino, Jeremy Ewing, DeAnna Banks, James Paton, Jessica Catto, Denise Turner and Shonda Clancy. At-large senate members are: Adam Weyhaupt, Yve Williams, Hugh O'Hara, Jonathan Ramsey, Seth Quin, Joe Robbins, Dwight Nelson, Liela Morad, Tim Edwards and Brian Dombrowski.

Senate also will elect the new speaker of the senate by nominating a senate member for the position.

Volunteers needed

By Missy Ogle
Staff writer

Volunteers are needed to work in the Pepsi booths during this weekend's Celebration activities located in the Library Quad.

A number of faculty have already signed up to work the booths, but student workers are still needed, said Patty Butler, celebration food booth co-chair.

Volunteers will sell a variety of Pepsi products and other beverages including coffee, bottled water and

non-alcoholic margaritas.

"It's a great time and is also a chance to meet a lot of new people," Butler said.

Student volunteers are needed from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday and from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday.

Celebration of the Arts will include such activities as food, music, entertainment and children's activities.

Students interested in volunteering can contact Butler at 6064 or Carol Strode at 6250.

CAA to consider health studies changes

By Stacy Feyereisen
Staff writer

The Council on Academic Affairs will hold its last meeting of the semester Thursday.

The meeting will be held at 2 p.m. in the Arcola/Tuscola Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

The first item on the agenda is a curricular change request from health studies.

Bill Addison, CAA chair, said the council will discuss a "change in electives for the major of health studies."

The change would make the elective requirements for health studies eight hours instead of nine

hours. This is because most transfer students have taken four two-hour courses, which equals eight hours.

However, the old requirement would make them take another class to meet the nine hours.

The other item on the agenda involves deciding on next year's officers for the CAA.

UB concert tonight

A University Board-sponsored mini-concert will be held tonight, featuring the music of re:boot.

The show will begin at 8 p.m. in the University Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Patty Mapes, UB mini-concert

coordinator, said the show will feature disco, 70s, 80s and 90s music.

"It's all different kinds of music," Mapes said. "We saw them at (a conference) last semester and they performed and they were phenomenal."

The concert is free with a student ID.

ROTC Day to feature equipment displays

By Jason Langenbahn
Staff writer

Reserve Officers' Training Corps members will show students and the public what the program has to offer Thursday during ROTC Day.

The event, which will be held from noon to 5 p.m. at the Tarble Arts Field, usually is held once each year, but is being held again this academic year because students seem to enjoy it, said Major Sherri Farris of the ROTC program.

Pieces of military equipment such as a UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter, a Humvee and a howitzer will

be displayed, Farris said.

Charleston resident Don Drake will display some of his antique military vehicles as well, she said.

Students will have the opportunity to fire blank rounds from an M-60 machine gun or an M-16 rifle, and ROTC cadets will demonstrate rappelling techniques from 3:30 to 5 p.m. at Klehm Hall, she said.

Radio station 92.1 "The Party" will broadcast live from the ROTC Day site from noon to 2 p.m., Farris said.

"We are hoping for good weather," Farris said.

The event will still go on if there is light rain, but heavy rain may force a cancellation, she said.

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Actors needed for summer shows

By Jamie Moore
Activities editor

Faculty, staff, students and community members are welcome to audition next week for Summerfest 2000, the theatre department's schedule of summer productions.

Auditions for Summerfest 2000 are 7 p.m. on May 9 in the Studio Theater in the Douda Fine Arts Center.

The summer season will consist of two comedies: "You Know I Can't Hear You When The Water's Running," and "Snow White And The Seven Drawfs," said John Oertling, chair of the theatre department.

Those wishing to audition should prepare two short comic monologues, Oertling said. Together the monologues should run no more than two to three minutes.

"You Know I Can't Hear You When The Water's Running" is made up of three one-acts," Oertling said.

Three men and three women of various ages are needed for this cast,

"Snow White and the Seven Drawfs," the children's play for the summer, is in need of two women and two men for the cast.

John Oertling,
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he said. "Snow White and the Seven Drawfs," the children's play for the summer, is in need of two women and two men for the cast," Oertling said.

Both plays will run simultaneously during the summer, he said.

Performances for the play are scheduled for June 28 through July 2 and July 6 through July 9, Oertling said.

Students wishing to participate in Summerfest 2000 do not have to be enrolled in classes for the summer, he said.



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Plucking the strings

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33 Chicken ___
34 Michael of R.E.M.
37 Anatomical holders
38 "Entry of Christ Into Brussels" artist
40 Tumbled
41 Bor-r-r-r-ring
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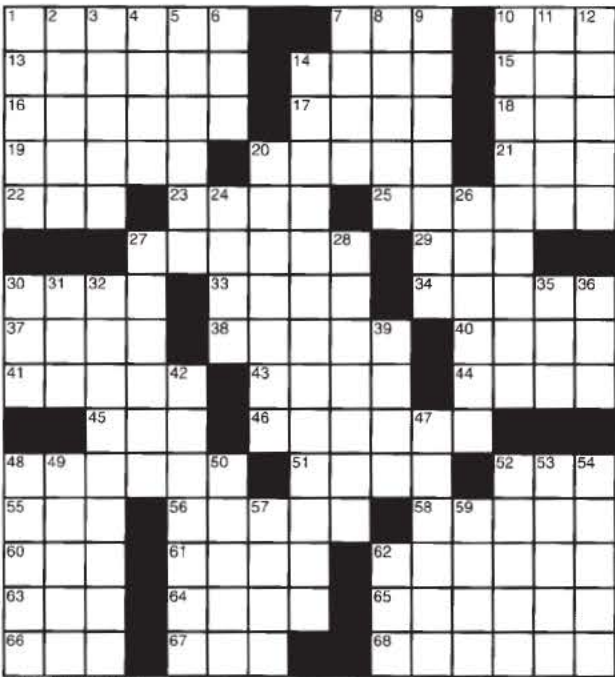
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56 Boy with a blanket
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61 List ender
62 Not blatant
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65 Ran on
66 What Marcie called 52-Down
67 ___-cone
68 Impatient agreement, maybe

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5 Bit of truth?
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28 Actress De Carlo and others
30 Suffix akin to -esque
31 Chinese truth
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35 Mideast grp.
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39 It might give you a line
42 Like a bare floor

- 47 "Yeah, right!"
48 Alums
49 Capital west of Haiphong
50 Protest
52 Peppermint walk
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- 54 They're pulled uphill
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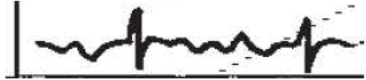
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Valley vitals



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The Panther baseball team was swept in an OVC series for the first time in three years last week as it dropped three games to Eastern Kentucky.

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The Morehead State softball team won its first series of the season last week, sweeping Tennessee State.

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OVC Player of the Week Jeremy Johnson hit .647 last week, helping SE Missouri State to extend its winning streak to nine games.

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The Tennessee Martin baseball team is still winless in league play after dropping three games to Austin Peay last week.

SEMO volleyball team not about to end dynasty

By Bill Ruthhart
Associate sports editor

Don't expect the dynasty of successful Southeast Missouri volleyball teams to die off anytime soon, as the Otahkians have once again come through with a strong recruiting class.

"We really feel we had an exceptional recruiting year," SEMO head coach Cindy Gannon said.

Two of the recruits, Suzanne Gundlach, a 5-foot-9-inch outside hitter, and Emily Scannel, a 5-foot-9-inch setter, both come out of the same high school, Althoff Catholic High School in Belleville.

"We've got two recruits from Althoff and they finished second in the state this year and both of those players were starters for them," Gannon said. "So we're really excited about Emily Scannel and Suzanne Gundlach coming to Southeast."

An advantage the Otahkians will have with the two preps coming to Cape Girardeau is that the setter and hitter have both been playing together for a number of years.

"They've played together for several years and I was really very



Mandy Marshall/ photo editor

Southeast Missouri seniors Angie Aschoff (left) and Jackie Derwort attempt to block a shot against the Panthers during a game in the fall.

pleased when I heard they had both decided to come to Southeast," Gannon said. "I think with them playing together for so long just enhances their opportunity to succeed at this level that much more."

Gannon also signed a junior col-

lege transfer out of Shawnee Community College in Lisa Gaines, a 6-foot-1-inch middle blocker, who the Otahkians hope will help fill the big shoes of departing senior Angie Aschoff.

"We hope for Lisa to come in

and make an immediate impact in the lineup with the loss of Angie Aschoff," Gannon said. "We're strong all around and have people with experience at that position, but any time you sign a junior college transfer you expect them to contribute right away."

The fourth and final signee for SEMO was Sarah Frost, a six-foot outside hitter from Columbus, Ind.

"We also got our player we've been recruiting out of Indiana," Gannon said. "And she has tremendous ability and will fit in nicely."

Gannon said the success her program has seen in the Ohio Valley Conference makes it easier to recruit, but at the same time she realizes there are some athletes she just can't go after.

"We're a middle-level Division I school and the success we've had has made it a little easier to recruit," Gannon said. "But it's still tough because we have to get the best possible people that can play at this level because we're not going to get a Fab 50 recruit here at Southeast."

"It's crucial that we evaluate those individuals and see if they will fit into our program and help us continue our success," she said. "Or we see if they can grow into what we need them to be able to be in order to continue that winning tradition."

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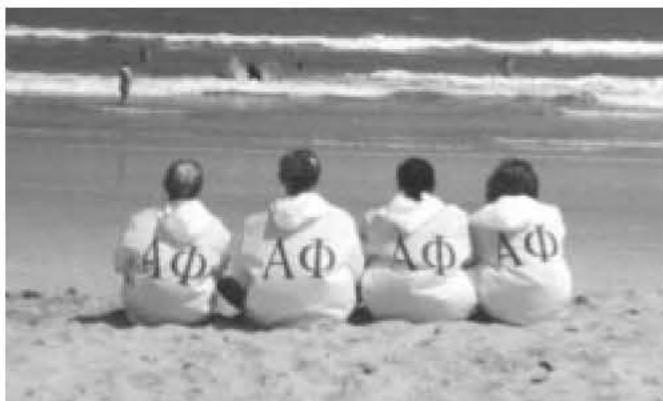
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Track teams enjoy mid-week break

By Troy Hinkel
Staff writer

Eastern's track teams used the wonderful weather Tuesday to get in some added preparation for this weekend's Drake relays and the Ohio Valley Conference meet in two weeks.

The meet allowed Eastern to have a midweek competition for its runners since only a select few will be running in the Drake relays this coming weekend.

The meet also helped the coaches evaluate some of the runners for the upcoming OVC tournament.

"We don't have a lot of competitors going to the Drake relays this weekend, so it gives the team a day to compete without taking the weekend off," men's head coach Tom Akers said.

"It also helps us in deciding who runs in the conference meet later."

The meet was scheduled with the hope of getting an extra day to run so

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We got some real good performances today thanks to the nice weather.

Tom Akers,
head men's track coach

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the teams invited, which were Illinois State, Bradley, and University of Illinois, brought only partial teams because of only a few events being held.

Because of the number of events, no official score was kept; however, some of the Panther competitors performed well.

"We got some real good performances today thanks to the nice weather," Akers said.

"In the spring we don't get a lot of opportunities for decent weather, so we made a call on Sunday and decided what day we would run on."



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Jennifer Cowan soars through the air on a long jump attempt in the Panthers' Mid Week meet Tuesday. The meet was not scored, but did provide the team a chance at extra competition before the Drake Relays this weekend.

Juggling

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Traveling can play a big factor in the success of a student athlete. Although teams sometimes can take advantage of semester breaks and spring breaks to travel, weekend competitions can take a toll on the team.

"We left for Central Florida on a Wednesday early in the season and the next week we left on a Wednesday for Hawaii, so that was a lot of classes missed in a few weeks," football head coach Bob Spoo said. "It's a struggle, but we were able to overcome it (by the end of the season). A lot of professors were upset there were three or four unexcused absences and it took its toll. Some athletes responded well and some didn't."

Excused absences cause work to build up on the athlete, and it is his or her responsibility to respond by working with the professor to keep up on the class work. Overall, football team members missed almost 12 percent of their classes, mainly falling on Fridays, and the team finished the 1999 season with a GPA of 2.255.

"The major problem is missed class time, whether it is voluntary or excused," Spoo said.

Women's tennis ranked first among all athletic teams for the highest grade point average with 3.194. Women's swimming (3.157), soccer (3.106) and basketball (3.103) all ranked above the highest men's team, tennis, which held a grade point average of 3.067. Ralston and Williams work together to promote academic success in athletics and play a big role in the life of the student athlete.

"I encourage them to take the first step," Williams said. "I can't be a liaison if the student athlete doesn't do their job. They have to be a student leader, and the people see the athletes as a student leader. If you're going to be on top of your game, you have to go to class and get the work turned in on time."

Panthers attempt to get the ball rolling

Baseball team travels to Ball State for twin bill today

By Anthony Braviere
Staff writer

Despite dropping to sixth in the Ohio Valley Conference over the past weekend, Eastern's baseball team will look to gain some confidence when they travel to Ball State today for a doubleheader.

The Cardinals come into the game with the Panthers (14-23, 7-10) in second place in the Mid-American Conference.

They have played a very tough schedule this season, which has included wins against Michigan State, University of Miami, Fla., and Marshall University.

Throughout the tough schedule, Ball State has compiled a 22-15 record and a 9-5 record in the MAC.

"We were excited to get them on our schedule this season," Eastern manager Jim Schmitz said. "The last few years they have been one of the top teams in the MAC, and this year is no different."

One reason that the Cardinals have been so successful this season has been their ability to hit home runs. In 37 games this season, Ball State has hit 44 home runs, with seven players having over four home runs already this

season.

"It always concerns me when a team comes into a game with us hitting the ball as well as they have," Schmitz said. "But we have been able to pitch well lately and hopefully we'll be able to pitch well against them."

Leading Ball State in jacks this season is senior Matt Wood with seven. The infielder also leads the Cardinals in RBIs with 29.

Another of the Cardinals' main offensive cogs this season has been shortstop Shayne Ridley. The senior has had a monster year, hitting .471, to go along with six home runs and 22 RBIs.

"We have a saying on our team, 'Don't let the big boys hurt you,'" Schmitz said.

"And if we can stop the first two batters in the order in Scott French and Aaron Zehnal, Wood and Ridley shouldn't be able to do that much damage."

Eastern will try and stop Ball State by throwing their two conference starting pitchers in senior John Larson and freshman Jared Marshall.

"We are going with these guys because we are so thin that we don't have enough pitching to have a mid-week starter," Schmitz said.

"But I'm sure the both of them will give us a very good chance at a win."

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Men's golf team finishes eighth at OVC tourney

By Kyle Bauer
Sports editor

Heading into the 2000 golf season, Panther head coach Jay Albaugh's only goal was to see his team improve.

That improvement was evident Tuesday as the team played to an eighth place finish in the Ohio Valley Conference championships.

The finish was Eastern's best ever since moving to the OVC and is two places higher than last year's 10th place finish.

"These are the best results since we moved to the OVC," Albaugh said. "I can't say overall we played great, but it's positive we improved from finishing dead last last year and then moved up to eighth this year."

Middle Tennessee entered the tournament as the favorite to win and rallied to win after entering the final day trailing by one stroke. The Blue Raiders were led by OVC Player of the Year Brett Alexander.

Alexander won the tournament and became the first player to earn medalist honors in the tournament three years in a row.

Derek Meinhart was the top Panther finisher, finishing the tourney tied for 19th place. Meinhart turned in an 81 in the first round and bounced back to shoot a 77 in the second.

Blake Kearney and Dave Rella also turned in solid performances for the Panthers. Kearney finished with a pair of 81s, while Rella finished the first round with an 80 and the second with an 81.

"We played in tough conditions all day Monday," Albaugh said. "We played in a steady rain all day. There were difficult conditions on a difficult course."

Devil of a doubleheader

Softball team splits double dip with Blue Demons

By Kristin Rojek
Associate sports editor

The Panther softball team took a break from conference play Tuesday to play host to DePaul University and came through powerfully against the Blue Demons to split the doubleheader 3-2, 9-1.

After becoming a Final Eight team last season, the Blue Devils (22-16) continue their dominant program this season with strong hitters and a strong pitching staff.

"They have a nice program and I said at the get-go that I respected their ball team," Eastern head coach Lloydene Searle said.

After coming off a 3-2 win to open the day, the Panthers were held throughout the next game by Blue Demon Vanessa Saavedra, who allowed just four hits and one run in the nightcap.

DePaul showed its ability behind the plate, smacking four home runs, with first baseman Tami Bouck contributing two alone.

The Panthers came through in the final inning to enter their lone run on the scoreboard. After short-stop Carissa Friedewald was hit in the knee by a foul ball in the dugout,

junior Emily Steavens substituted the final innings of the game.

With catcher Kristen Darnell on second, Steavens came through with a clutch hit, earning an RBI to prevent a shutout.

Senior Sara DeLaere (8-14) took the loss from the nightcap, allowing seven hits and seven runs. Freshman Jen Green broke up the innings for DeLaere, taking the mound late in the fifth inning until DeLaere reentered near the start of the fifth inning.

"It was just one swing of the bat, not a string of hits," Searle said. "Sara held them down and Jen came in to change up the speed. Sara came back, and that shows her character — she did a good job."

Kristen Becker picked up the win from the first game, improving her record to 15-11.

She allowed just two runs in seven hits, now at 25.1 innings pitched without allowing an earned run.

The Panthers continue their non-conference competition today as they travel to Illinois State for a doubleheader. The Panthers took on the Redbirds mid-February in Arizona, but fell victim in a 2-0 loss.

"We didn't play Illinois State well at Arizona," Searle said. "We want to go up there playing good games."



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Panther senior Sara DeLaere throws a pitch in the Panthers' doubleheader split with DePaul Tuesday. DeLaere took the loss in game two to drop her record to 8-14.

Juggling the classroom and the locker room

Athletes have unenviable task of balancing school with competition

***Editor's note: This is the first of a two-part series on the lives of student athletes at Eastern.*

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Most Eastern students who watch Panther athletics on the field or follow the teams through the sports pages probably don't realize that every member of a Panther team is also an accomplished juggler.

No, they don't throw and catch little balls or bowling pins with careful precision, but they do have to juggle classes, study time, practices and competition while still trying to find time to have a life beyond the classroom and the locker room.

What we see as sports fans is the part when they take the field and have fun, but behind the scenes of the student athlete lie the issues of time management, compliance, grade point average and eligibility.

Eastern's athletes are required to maintain above a 2.0 grade point average to remain eligibility for competition, and even that can become a difficult task for many student athletes, especially with missed classes and long weekend tournaments taking away from studying or even catching up on work.

Classes and scheduling are important to athletes, who pack their day so full they may not even get an hour break in the afternoon.

"Their schedules are so tight that if they go off track it can mess up a game," Yolanda Williams, director of academic services said. "Their schedules should go from 8 a.m. to noon

Making the grade			
Team G.P.A.'s for calendar year 1999			
Men's Sports		Women's Sports	
Tennis	3.067	Tennis	3.194
Golf	2.978	Swimming	3.157
Swimming	2.841	Soccer	3.106
Baseball	2.778	Basketball	3.103
Cross Country	2.750	Softball	3.035
Basketball	2.742	Volleyball	3.016
Soccer	2.667	Rugby	2.964
Wrestling	2.604	Golf	2.905
Track	2.514	Track	2.807
Football	2.367	Cross Country	2.776

and then time for lunch and possibly an hour break before practice, which lasts until 5 or 5:30 p.m. and then they go to study tables."

Study tables give student athletes time for their classwork and help them maintain a regular time for studying. This is particularly important when a team travels extensively during the weekday. Athletes with a GPA below 2.5 are strongly encouraged by the athletic department and coaches to attend study tables.

No other team is faced with the academic strain that the golf team faces. They miss the most classes in the fall season, missing slightly over 12 percent of the fall semester. The main hardship faced by the team is that golf courses are not open to collegiate competition Friday through Sunday because of regular players' course usage, forcing tournaments to fall during the weekdays, primarily Mondays and Wednesdays.

"It's tougher on us," head golf coach Jay Albaugh said. "The NCAA did a study a few years ago and found that golf misses the most class time of any sport. We don't have the option of deciding when to have our tournaments, so I encourage the kids to take their books along with them on road trips."

Although golfers miss the most classes, the Panther golf team is still ranked in the top of the athletic GPAs for the calendar year of 1999. The men's golf team ranked second to the tennis team with a GPA of 2.987, while the women's golf team fell near the middle with a GPA of 2.905.

Although the NCAA doesn't require a specific grade point average, it does require specific semester hours and class requirements throughout the year. The NCAA requires student athletes to pass a minimum of 24 hours every year with 18 hours in the fall and spring

semesters, which are stricter requirements than in the past.

"A lot of coaches at bigger schools get a bonus in their paychecks for high GPAs by their team," said Betty Ralston, director of compliance.

Although Eastern is a smaller school, it still ranks among the top grade point averages in the conference. Less than 6 percent of Eastern's student body are student athletes and have the responsibilities that come with being a collegiate athlete, in addition to obtaining their degree at Eastern.

Despite Eastern's high overall departmental average of 2.868, the Ohio Valley Conference only gives an academic banner of success to schools with a wide differential between the athletic department average and the student average.

Because of Eastern's high academic standards, Eastern's overall student grade point average is comparable to the athletic average, preventing Eastern from obtaining an academic athletic banner. The conference also plays a role in determining conference tournaments and competitions because not all OVC schools have the same finals schedule at the end of their semesters.

Many athletes must also deal with the inability to study for their final exams if their conference tournament falls the weekend before finals begin. Because finals fall during the weekday, conference tournaments are scheduled on the weekends to prevent any conflicts.

"Student athletes don't get to make up the finals schedule, so the conference tries to move tournaments around so the same schools don't miss every year," Ralston said.